

## **Academic Information and Regulations**

### **Credit from Sources Other Than Prairie View A&M University Courses**

Courses accepted for transfer credit must be from a college or university accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies for higher education and must be similar in character and content to courses offered at Prairie View A&M University. Some credits accepted as transfer credits may not apply to a degree program. Duplicate, developmental, remedial, and study skills courses are not transferable credits. A maximum of 90 credit hours of course work transferred from an upper division institution may be applied toward a degree. A maximum of 66 credit hours of course work may be transferred from a lower division institution may be applied toward a degree. A maximum of 30 credit hours may include Advanced Placement, CLEP, Correspondence, Military Training, or Extension Courses.

Only courses with grades of “C” or above will be accepted for transfer, except in the case of sequential courses in which a “D” was earned in the first course and a “B” or better grade was earned in the second course at the same institution. No credit is allowed for work experience or work completed at non accredited institutions except by AP or CLEP examination. If a transfer course has been graded on a pass/fail basis, the college/university at which the course was taken must provide written documentation to the Registrar that the course was passed at a grade level equivalent of “A”, “B”, or “C”. Grades of “C-” are not transferable. Additionally, only courses with a grade of “C” or better may be accepted towards credit in either the major or the minor. Courses taken at community/junior colleges will not be accepted for transfer at the upper division (junior/senior) level.

Courses being transferred from an institution outside the territorial United States must be evaluated. Students are required to have their course work evaluated by one of the following or an equivalent recognized service and are to submit the evaluation to the Office of Admissions, Articulation and Transfer Services at least thirty (30) days before the beginning of the semester for which the student wishes to enroll.

The Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.  
P.O. Box 514070  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470  
414-289-3400

Span Tran Educational Services  
7211 Regency Square Blvd. Ste. #205  
Houston, Texas 77036  
713-266-8805

For a transfer student to complete the application file and finalize the admission process, a final transcript must be sent directly from the community/junior college or university. It is the responsibility of the student to request that the transcript be sent. If the transcripts submitted as part of the application procedure are final and official, additional transcripts are not required.

### ***Correspondence and Extension Courses***

Correspondence or extension courses will be treated as transfer courses and not included in the cumulative GPA. All such courses must be approved by the dean of the respective college before they are accepted as transfer credit in a degree program.

### ***Military School Credit***

Credit for courses taken at military schools or by correspondence will be evaluated for acceptance by the Office of the Registrar in accordance with American Council on Education guidelines. Credit will be awarded upon a military student's matriculation as a student at the University's main campus or approved off-campus sites.

### ***Credit Available Through Testing***

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations and CLEP Tests should be presented for evaluation prior to the semester in which graduation is planned and/or during the last eighteen (18) hours required for graduation. Total hours of AP/CLEP allowed is thirty (30) semester credit hours.

Students wishing to inquire about advanced placement must inquire at the University Scholars Program Office. Letter grades will not be awarded for advanced placement achievement, and the AP or CLEP credits will not be counted in the student's cumulative GPA. Students receive only applicable credit hours for satisfactory achievement on Advanced Placement or CLEP tests. Applicable Advanced Placement credits received at other institutions may be applied toward degree plan requirements at PVAMU provided they were awarded as letter grades at the other institution or an official College Board transcript is sent to PVAMU designating the grade or score received on the AP or CLEP exam. Advanced placement scores or transfer credits cannot be taken from other University or College transcripts, and PVAMU does not accept scores submitted from students. Scores must be received from the College Board on an official CLEP Transcript or AP Student Grade Report. If a course has been taken and failed at Prairie View A&M University, it may not be replaced by a subsequent Advanced Placement Examination. A student may take a CLEP exam to receive credit for a course previously failed at the University; however, the CLEP credit will not *replace* the failed grade on the student's official transcript.

Documentation of THEA Exemption or passage of all sections of the THEA, or a THEA alternative, is required prior to receiving credit for Advanced Placement, College Level Examination (CLEP), or Correspondence and Extension Courses which will be applied toward degree requirements.

**Advanced Placement Testing (National)**

Advanced Placement Tests are developed by the College Board and administered nationally at approved test sites where the Scholastic Aptitude Test is administered. Scores on the *national* Advanced Placement Test between the levels of 3 and 5 will be acceptable for credit. Credit for advanced placement is subject to the total hour limitation of 30 semester credit hours.

**College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**

The CLEP is a national testing program offering students the opportunity to earn college credit by examination. The University will accept credit by examination in American Literature, Biology, Chemistry, College Composition, English Literature, Foreign Languages, American Government, American History, and Mathematics. The acceptance of credit by the University does not assure the application of this credit to a specific degree or other program.

CLEP examinations taken at Prairie View A&M University will normally be counted in the student's cumulative grade point average (GPA). If a course has been taken and failed at Prairie View A&M University and a CLEP test for that course is subsequently taken and passed, the CLEP grade will not be counted in the cumulative GPA and will not replace the failed grade on the official transcript. It will satisfy the degree requirement. CLEP tests taken through other institutions will not be included in the cumulative GPA. Scores from the general knowledge tests will not be accepted. Scores from the subject tests only will be accepted.

**Advanced Placement Examinations Course Equivalency Table**

<i>Examination</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Semester Credit Hours</i>	<i>University Course Name</i>	<i>University Course Number</i>
Art History	3	6	ARTS	2223 and 2233
Biology	3	8	BIOL	1015 and 1025
Calculus AB	3	4	MATH	1124
Calculus AB	3	3	MATH	2153
Calculus BC	3	4	MATH	1124
Calculus BC	3	3	MATH	2153
Chemistry	3	6	CHEM	1033 and 1043
Computer Science A	3	6	COMP	1013 and 1213
Computer Science AB	3	6	COMP	1223 and 2013
English – Language and Composition	3	6	ENGL	1123 and 1133
English – Literature and Composition	3	3	ENGL	2153

French – Language	3	6	FREN	1013 and 1023
French – Literature	3	6	FREN	2013 and 2023
Government and Politics – U.S.	3	3	POSC	1113
History – U.S.	3	6	HIST	1313 and 1323
Human Geography	3	3	GEOG	1223
Music Theory	3	3	MUSC	1233
Physics B	3	8	PHYS	2014 and 2024
Psychology	3	3	PSYC	1113
Spanish – Language	3	6	SPAN	1013 and 1023
Spanish – Literature	3	6	SPAN	3023 and 3033
Statistics	3	3	MATH	2003

**COURSES FOR WHICH CREDIT CAN BE EARNED**

NAME OF EXAMINATION	REQUIRED SCORE	COURSE CREDIT
<b>Composition and Literature</b>		
American Literature	50	ENGL 3233 ENGL 3243
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	ENGL 3153
College Composition	53	ENGL 1123 ENGL 1133
English Literature	50	ENGL 2263 EGNL 2273
<b>Foreign Languages</b>		
French Level I	50	FREN 1013 FREN 1023
French Level II	62	FREN 2013 FREN 2023
Spanish Level I	50	SPAN 1013 SPAN 1023
Spanish Level 2	59	SPAN 2013 SPAN 2023
<b>History &amp; Social Sciences</b>		
American Government	55	POSC 1123
American History I...1877	52	HIST 1313
American History II...1865	53	HIST 1323

NAME OF EXAMINATION	REQUIRED SCORE	COURSE CREDIT
<b>Science &amp; Mathematics</b>		
Calculus w/Elem. Functions	51	MATH 1124 MATH 2024
Algebra	51	MATH 1113
Trigonometry	50	MATH 1115
Algebra-Trigonometry	53	MATH 1115
General Biology	50	BIOL 1113 BIOL 1111
General Chemistry	52	CHEM 1013 CHEM 1023 CHEM 1011 CHEM 1021

Information can be obtained by contacting the following office:

Division of Academic Enhancement  
Prairie View A&M University  
Mail Stop #3002  
P. O. Box 519  
Prairie View, TX 77446-0519  
Phone: (936) 261-3635  
FAX: (936) 261-3612

For additional information:

College-Level Examination Program  
The College Board  
P.O. Box 6601  
Princeton, NJ 08541-6601  
Phone: (609) 771-7865  
FAX: (609) 771-7088  
E-Mail: [clep@collegeboard.org](mailto:clep@collegeboard.org)

### **Texas Success Initiative (TSI)**

Effective September 1, 2003, the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) law was repealed and replaced by the Texas Success Initiative (TSI). **The TSI requires students to be assessed in reading, writing, and math skills PRIOR to enrolling in college and to be advised based on the results of the assessment.** TSI exemptions based on test scores are as follows:

<b>TEST</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>Verbal</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>SAT Subject Test I</b> (scores are <u>not acceptable</u> )	1070	500 (Minimum)	500 (Minimum)
<b>ACT</b>	23	19 (Minimum)	19 (Minimum)
<b>TAAS</b>	1770 Writing	89 Reading	86 Math
<b>TAKS</b>	3 Writing	2200 ELA	2200 Math

SAT Reasoning Test and ACT scores are valid for only five years from the date of testing and all requirements listed above must be met on the same test date. TAAS and TAKS scores are valid for only three years from the date of testing and scores for exemption purposes must be met on the first attempt.

Other exemptions include:

1. A student who has graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
2. A student who is serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment. A certified copy of orders or documentation showing length of service is required.
3. A student who on or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States. A certified copy of the certificate of release is required.

### **New Student Information**

Prairie View A&M University will use the approved Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) as the assessment tool for TSI. **Before a student will be allowed to enroll at PVAMU they must have valid documentation on file for an exemption or they must take the THEA prior to enrolling in any college level classes.** [Prairie View A&M University will only accept COMPASS, ACCUPLACER, or ASSET scores when documented on an official transcript. It is the student's responsibility to verify that an institution administering the COMPASS, ACCUPLACER or ASSET test will be able to validate those scores on an official transcript, otherwise the student will need to take the THEA). Be advised that many institutions will only validate COMPASS, ACCUPLACER OR ASSET scores if the student enrolls in classes at that particular institution.] At PVAMU we administer the regular THEA and Quick THEA. To register for the regular THEA you may obtain a THEA Registration Bulletin from your counselor and follow the given instructions. Additional information can be obtained from the THEA website: <http://www.thea.nesinc.com>.

### **In-State Transfer Student Information**

Students transferring from any Texas public institution must provide official transcripts showing their current TSI status. Please note that developmental courses do not transfer into PVAMU. Transfer students who have not met all of the TSI requirements will be placed in the PVAMU developmental sequence based upon THEA scores. Transfer students meeting a TSI requirement must have their status documented on an official transcript. (Transferring grades in certain classes does not signify that the student has met the TSI requirement).

### **Out-of-State Transfer Student Information**

Students transferring from out-of-state are still liable for meeting the TSI testing requirement before enrollment can occur. Out-of-state transfer students can meet TSI requirements by transferring in a grade of C or better in the following courses:

<b>Reading</b>	HIST 1313, 1323 (US History to 1876, US History 1876 to present,) POSC 1113, 1123 (American Government I, American Government II); ENGL 2153 (Intro to Literature); or PSYC 1113 (General Psychology)
<b>Math</b>	MATH 1113 (College Algebra) or higher math
<b>English</b>	ENGL 1123 or 1133 (Freshman Composition I, Freshman Composition II)

Transfer students failing to meet all requirements must take the THEA in the appropriate content area prior to enrollment.

## **QUICK THEA INFORMATION**

### **PVAMU Quick THEA Procedures:**

1. Call the Testing, Tracking, Assessment and Evaluation Unit at (936) 261-3610 or sign up in Room 238 - Delco Building to reserve a seat.
2. Pay the \$29 test fee at the time of the test administration. This payment can be made with a personal check, money order, VISA or Master Card, or purchase order (**we do not accept cash**). Make sure your personal check or money order is made payable to NES. **Be sure to write your social security number on your payment.**
3. Bring two (2) forms of identification (one with a recent photo).
4. Bring two (2) No. 2 pencils.